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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (MDTC)¹ respectfully submits this notice responding to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) request for state notifications on Lifeline recertification, contained in the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau)'s May 22, 2013 Guidance Notice.² In the Guidance Notice, the Bureau encouraged state agencies to "notify the Bureau and USAC whether they are recertifying subscribers and under what circumstances."³

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the MDTC hereby notifies the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is not conducting subscriber recertifications at this time. Please contact me should you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Karlen Reed

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¹ The MDTC regulates telecommunications and cable services within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and represents the Commonwealth before the FCC. See MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 25C, § 1 and ch. 166A, § 16.

² "Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding the 2013 Lifeline Recertification Process," Public Notice, WC Docket No. 11-42, DA 13-1188 (rel. May 22, 2013) (Guidance Notice).

³ Guidance Notice, p. 5, fn. 32.